

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud



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College Wins Two National Awards for Marketing Projects



Skyline College has won two awards in the 33rd Annual Educational Advertising Awards, sponsored by Higher Ed Marketing Report. The Educational Advertising Awards is the largest and most respected education marketing competition in the country.The college won Silver

awards in two categories:

Annual Report (for the 2016-2017 Annual Report)
Outdoor Marketing (for the Skyline College Express Shuttle Wrap)

Both the Annual Report and the Shuttle Wrap (the photographic marketing on the college's shuttle) highlight the best of Skyline College and our marketing efforts.

The annual report blended graphic design and engaging content seamlessly to tell the story of a year in the life of Skyline College. It has been used as a marketing piece for the outside community and represents a public-facing record of the college's most impactful and inspiring accomplishments.

The shuttle wrap presents a bright, fun photographic look at the college and its students, encouraging viewers to "achieve" their goals, all on a moving piece of advertising. In addition to shuttling students to and from campus for free, the shuttle serves as a mobile point of engagement for the college, engaging in marketing outreach to the community even as it provides its functional service.

About the Educational Advertising Awards

The Annual Educational Advertising Awards is an opportunity for higher education institutions to test theirr programs and campaigns against the best in the country. A national panel of industry specialists review each piece; judging creativity, marketing execution and message impact.

Article by Connor Fitzpatrick

Appreciation Reception Thanks Donors!



An Appreciation Reception hosted by Chairman, Ron Derenzi and the President's Council was held in the Art Gallery on Thursday, February 15, 2018. The event was a chance for the college and the President's Council to thank those that have so generously

donated as part of the President's Breakfast efforts the past 2 years. The President's Breakfast fundraising efforts support the President's Innovation Fund and also provides the funding source for Promise scholarships as part of the Promise Scholars Program. Over 100 guests attended the reception, enjoying art, jazz music, h'ors de'ouvres and wine. Guests were provided a wine opener gift set a token of our thanks for their generous support.

Mr. Derenzi welcomed guests on behalf of the council and recognized the many elected officials who were in attendance. President Stanback Stroud welcome guests on behalf of Chancellor Ron Galatolo and the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District. Dr. Stanback Stroud thanked all the donors for



their generous support and the love they've shown the college over the years, which has allowed for the campus to continue its tradition of developing innovative projects and provided over 400 students to date, with Promise scholarships.

Guests had the opportunity to meet a few Promise Scholars who were in attendance. Promise Scholar Leanne Gajunia spoke as part of the short program about her experience as a first year college student being fully supported by the Promise Scholars Program. Leanne was a Middle College student who was able to get a head start on her college credits and will transfer as a junior next academic year. The investment of the donors in the room with her as she spoke, got her the support she needed to continue on in her educational journey.

We would like to thank alumna Daisy Li, owner and Annie Chan, catering manager of Moonstar in Daly City who generously donated all the amazing food! This was the second year in a row that Daisy Li provided food for the reception. Pacific Dining provided the water, coffee and tea service for donors, gratis. Guests enjoyed wine courtesy of Recology San Bruno and Republic Services who teamed up to donate white and red wine so our reception was complete!

We would also like to thank Paul Bridenbaugh for providing such a beautiful venue, where we were able to enjoy the artwork of 5 women artists as part of the current exhibition "Holding the Center" on display through March 16. Music Professor Zachary Bruno and the Skyline College Jazz Combo provided incredible background jazz music, greatly enhancing the ambiance of the event. The community and faculty and staff in attendance were quite impressed with the talented students and professor of music.

A special thanks to the leadership and staff who planned, organized and delivered such an exceptional representation of the college. From the Marketing, Communications and Public Relations office, Brian Collins and Mia Coo who picked up the food with Manny Tablan of the Administrative Services team, Connor Fitzpatrick who prepared the student speaker to deliver a compelling speech, Zaw Min Khant and Kevin Perez who provided photography and assistance with set up and Brittney Sneed who was involved every step of the way from RSVP to clean up and never misses a detail. From the President's Suite, Bryan Besnyi, Belinda Chan and Becky Threewit who served wine, Golda Margate, Angelica Mendoza and Theresa Tentes who assisted with guest registration and greeting/mingling with our guests to make sure they felt at home and were available should anything arise that needed attention.

Under the leadership of Andrea Vizenor Director of Career and Workforce Programs and the Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Program, we would like to recognize Claudia Paz, Visual Communications Coordinator in Career and Workforce Programs and Elizabeth Tablan, Program Services Coordinator in Career and Workforce Programs for serving as catering managers and assisting with the set up and execution of the event! You two were incredible and went above and beyond!

Career and Workforce Programs also recruited servers who were interested in working for the event. The servers who did an exceptional job of serving the donors with grace included:

-Ling Jung Chien, BAEC intership program intern and now student assistant

-Jody Gonzalez, previous BAEC intern and now Short-term OAII

-Maria Hanna, Women's Mentorship and Leadership Academy and student of the Hospitality & Tourism Management Adult School Bridge Program

-Emerita Hinojosa, Women's Mentorship and Leadership Academy and student of the Hospitality & Tourism Management Adult School Bridge Program -Eva Liang, BAEC internship program intern and now student assistant

-Linda Truong, Office Asssitant II, BAEC



Last, but certainly not least, we'd like to recognize Tykia Warden, Interim Executive Director of the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation, for her leadership and partnership in fundraising for the betterment of our college and in support of the amazing Skyline College students. She and her team have been with us every step of the way with all the fundraising activities of the President's Council.

Article by Cherie Colin | Photos by Zaw Min Khant

First Northern California State Approved Anesthesia Technology Degree and Certificate Program Starting at Skyline College Fall 2018!



Skyline College will launch the first Anesthesia Technology degree and certificate program beginning fall 2018. There are currently ten programs across the United States. This will be the first program to offer a degree in this health care specialty in Northern California.

Completion of this program will prepare students for the national certification exam and allow a professional entry point to the field of Anesthesia.

Anesthesia Technologists are an integral member of the anesthesia care team and work collaboratively with the anesthesia care provider. They work in various clinical areas to include operating rooms, ambulatory centers, labor and delivery, catheterization lab, intervention radiology, endoscopy, and other diagnostic labs and clinics. They provide patient care support to all age populations and apply specific knowledge in pharmacology, anatomy, physiology, and principles of anesthesia.

Diane Alejandro-Harper is a certified anesthesia technical professional and currently serves as Manager of Anesthesia Technical Services at Stanford Health Care and is on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians (ASATT). She is serving as Anesthesia Technology Faculty Coordinator for the program and has been instrumental in leading the development of the program collaboratively with health care industry partners and the Surgical Careers Center.

Article and photo by Diane Alejandro-Harper and Raymond Hernandez

Skyline Colleege Student Receives Multiple National Recognition Awards



Skyline College student Mei Ling Lai has been named a 2018 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar and also has been selected as a 2018 Phi Theta Kappa Guistwhite Scholar. Lai will be awarded \$5,000 for being a Guistwhite Scholar, and \$1,500 for being a Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar.

Guistwhite Scholars are chosen based on academic achievement, leadership accomplishment, and engagement in Phi Theta Kappa programs. Fifteen Guistwhite recipients were selected by a panel of independent judges from more than 3,100 applicants this year.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold,



50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Each scholar also receives a commemorative medallion.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in nine nations. Learn more at ptk.org.

Article by Christine Case

International Student Chosen to Participate in the "Future We Want Model United Nations: a Global Initiative for Young Leaders"



Please join the Global Learning Program and Services Division in congratulating Franck Yao for his invitation to participate at the "Future We Want Model United Nations: a Global Initiative for Young Leaders" (FWWMUN) Conference in March 2018 in Manhattan, New York. He is one

of 2000 delegates from 110 countries attending this prestigious conference.

Franck is an International Student from Côte d'Ivoire studying Business Administration at Skyline College. He is a proud African driven by passion and is committed to developing youth opportunities and communities around the world. Even while still in high school, Franck developed two social projects at his school that were in line with the United Nations' Quality Education and Climate Action Sustainable Development Goals. Franck also led a social campaign to advocate for global warming that led to the development of fourteen tourism and climate change clubs all over Abidjan, the economic capital of Cote d'Ivoire.

After graduation Franck visited the U.S. Embassy in Abidjan and became part of the Competitive College Club, a cohort advising program organized by EducationUSA which supports talented yet disadvantaged students by informing them and helping them to develop the skills and they need to compete for admissions and scholarships at U.S. colleges and universities. It was at a college fair organized by EducationUSA that Franck learned about Skyline College.

"Being selected as one of the United Nations youth ambassadors is a dream that came true and this would never have happened without the support of Skyline College." Franck said, "Being an international student here gives me the opportunity every day to benefit and take advantage of powerful resources that empower and help me develop strong leadership skills which constantly spark the genius of my inner self."

World Federation of Model United Nations Associations (WFMUNA) with the support of Italian Diplomatic Academy, NGO affiliated with the United Nations Department of Public Information sponsors the events. WFMUNA was established to unite all major Model United Nations associations and clubs worldwide with the aim of creating a platform for knowledge sharing and coordination. A passionate guardian of UN principles, WFMUNA commits to supervising quality in MUN conferences globally, to monitoring the conduct and ethics of MUN organizations, and to making Model United Nations programs more accessible for all.

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of leaders from all corners of the globe to gain firsthand experience in international relations, to produce high quality resolutions aimed at empowering future leaders to bring about the "Future We Want," and to submit these resolutions to relevant UN agencies and world leaders for consideration.

Article and Photo by Emma Briones

Students from Hebei No. 42 High School Visit Skyline College



Skyline College may receive more students from an elite Chinese high school in the coming years. A group of students and teachers from Hebei No. 42 High School in Hebei Province, China visited the campus on February 8, 2018. Hebei No.42 High School is one of the most prestigious schools in China, sending many of its graduates to colleges and universities overseas. During the visit to Skyline College, the group had an opportunity to meet the College President, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, as well as to see the campus and interact with current international students from China.

The visit was co-hosted by the International Student Program (ISP) and the College's Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA). Hanqing Bian, CSSA President, and Sufang Tang, ISP Student Ambassador, took the lead in providing a campus tour upon the group's arrival. The group was then greeted by alumni from Hebei No.42 High School, who are currently attending Skyline College. The group engaged in lively discussions that included CSSA members and ISP Student Ambassadors. They discussed various topics such as university transfers and student life and support services available to international students. Professor Hellen Zhang, Accounting Professor as well as a Skyline College alumna, joined the meeting to provide an introduction to the college. Students commented that among all three colleges they visited within the District, Skyline College is "the most beautiful" and they had the best visit at the college. We hope that those who participated in the visit will join Skyline College in the future!

The International Student Program is part of Global Learning Programs and Services Division. If you need more information, please email skyinternational@ smccd.edu or call 650-738-7021.

Article by Chikako Walker | Photo by Wissem Bennani

Skyline College Welcomes Interim Dean of GLPS



Delisle Warden is joining the Skyline College administrative team as the Interim Dean of Global Learning Programs and Services.

Delisle has had an interesting career in the private sector and in the U.S. federal government. After graduating from

Emory University, he moved to Washington, D.C. where he worked as a paralegal at the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), Civil Rights Division. After two years of working on legal cases throughout the U.S., Delisle left the DOJ to attend law school. While attending Harvard Law School, he was privileged to work as a research



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CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY HOSTS Sixth Discover Healthcare Panel



On February 22, students, faculty and staff attended the Career Advancement Academy's (CAA) sixth Discover Healthcare Panel. The panel, held every semester, is a component of CAA's Allied Health program, designed for students interested in exploring San Mateo County Community College District's healthcare programs, health pathways, and careers in healthcare. The Allied Health Student Panel, moderated by Paul Rueckhaus (Allied Health Faculty for the Career Advancement Academy), featured several former Career Advancement Academy students along with students from across the San Mateo County Community College District's healthcare Programs. practical advice and key insights on program preparation and expectations, working in the health field, and balancing life and family as a full-time allied health student in a rigorous program.

Chloe Tinio, a returning panelist, graduated from the College of San Mateo's nursing program in May 2016 and is currently completing her bachelor's degree in nursing at Grand Canyon University. Melissa Duenas is a current student in Skyline's Surgical Technology program, who is also pursuing nursing and would like to become a nurse practitioner. Rebecca Campos, a CAA alumni, is in her first year in Skyline's Respiratory Care program. Dennis Martinez is a second year student in Cañada College's Radiological Technology program and plans to transfer to San Francisco State University and continue his education in becoming a radiologist technologist. Mary Lynn and Stefanie Wang, are current students in College of San Mateo's dental assisting program.

Our accomplished panelists helped current, first semester CAA Allied Health students gain a deeper understanding of their next level allied health program and their future path in Healthcare. After the panel, the panelist and program staff were on hand to network with the student audience, answer questions, and share additional insights.

We extend a very special thanks to our esteemed panelists, the CAA team, and event supporters including: Paul Rueckhaus, Beth LaRochelle, Rafael Rivera and the many others who helped plan, organize, and host this successful event.

To learn more about careers in Allied Health and the Allied Health Career Advancement Academy please visit our website or email skycaa@smccd.edu

Article and Photo by Jeremy Evangelista

Our distinguished student guest panelists offered



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM AND CAREER SERVICES CENTER HOST Employment Workshop



The Skyline College International Student Program (ISP) and the Career Services Center held an Employment Information and Resume Writing Workshop for international students on February 15, 2018. This event was designed to inform international students about the various employment opportunities on and off campus, and explain how they can pursue them in the US. The event was well attended, and included students from various majors and career goals.

The students in attendance sat for an hour and a half taking notes on how to get employment on and off campus, the technicalities of the OPT and CPT opportunities available to international students, and valuable information on how to write a resume. Students had the chance to hear from one of the Career Center's student assistants, Meng Ma, who has firsthand experience on the subject. It was an eye opening experience for many international students because U.S. employment practices are very different from what they knew from their home countries. The Career Center staff was eager to answer questions that the students had as well as make them aware of the different resources that the Career Center has to offer such as resume writing, interview practice, etc.

The event was very informative and students received

information and resources that will be very beneficial throughout their college careers.

ISP will continue to conduct events and workshops to improve the services offered to its students and the entire Skyline College community. If you are interested in learning more about future ISP programs and events, contact ISP office at skyinternational@smccd.edu.

Article by Naledi Mthembu | Photo by Chikako Walker

WOW! WOMEN ON WRITING EVENT Inspires the Campus Community



Writers and readers from all over the Bay Area gathered at Skyline College Saturday, March 3 for WOW! Voices Now: A Morning of Readings and Refreshments, an annual celebration of creativity during women's history month. The appreciative audience of seventy women and men savored literary work crafted by a wide variety of writers.

Event coordinator Kathleen McClung welcomed the two featured speakers, award-winning authors Lori Ostlund and Maw Shein Win. Both read from their books and spoke warmly and candidly about their dedication to writing over the years. Maw Shein Win referred to her six-month recovery from surgery as "a blessing in disguise" as she turned inward to write poetry during her recuperation.



During the lively question and answer part of the program, both authors spoke in depth about their writing process. Each writer talked about how traveling and working overseas has enriched their work. Lori Ostlund said a highlight of her writing career was a 2017 co-Visiting Writer fellowship in Tianjin, China with her wife, author Anne Raeff.

After a break for book signing, networking, and continental breakfast, WOW! founder Marijane Datson presented awards and gift bags to two outstanding Skyline College creative writing students, Brynn Allen and Gwyneth Ochsner who read their original poetry with poise and passion. The awards memorialize two multi-talented, influential women from the WOW! community, Isabelle Maynard (1929-2007) and Joyce Unger (1942-2016).

Eighteen writers from the community shared their poetry and prose during the Open Reading hosted by Professor McClung. The writers explored families, cultures, sexual harassment, racism, war, nature, and other themes. Skyline students Yilin Zhang and Clayborne Go were among the Open Readers.

"It's so important for writers to come together for creative nourishment," said Skyline English professor and author Kathleen McClung. "The WOW! community spans all ages, interests, and backgrounds. The common ingredients are encouragement and support." The WOW! conference was founded fifteen years ago by Marijane Datson in collaboration with Skyline faculty, staff and community members.

One student in the audience said afterward, "Once I walked into the room I felt so many positive and calm vibes. I felt comfortable and welcome. I loved how everyone there was friends. Everyone seemed to get along. I would participate again without there being an extra credit piece. It gave me a glimpse of a different type of life than I'm used to and let me step out of my comfort zone. Maybe one day I'll try to write some poetry of my own."

Thanks to Kevin Chak, manager of the Skyline College Bookstore and World Cup Cafe, Mary Gutiérrez, dean of Language Arts and Learning Resources, English/creative writing professors Rob Williams and Katharine Harer, and WOW! ambassadors Lisa Suguitan Melnick, Ellen Woods, and Tom McAninley.

Article by Kathleen McClung Photos by Tom McAninley

Energize Colleges Program Prepares Students for the Future



Skyline College's Energize Colleges student interns participated in a professional development workshop on March 9, 2018, to equip themselves with the necessary skills and tools to be effective not only in their current positions, but also in their future careers.

Alex Fuentes, the Energize Colleges Program Coordinator, led eight of the program's 10 total interns in a number of engaging activities to strengthen interns' time management and networking skills. In addition to sharing tips with each other, interns developed their own "minute messages" to communicate their projects and goals during networking opportunities. They also had a chance to listen to the program's regional supervisor, Rebecca Aviles from Strategic Energy Innovations, about her career path and current role.

Energize Colleges is an internship program on campus that provides students with hands-on experience in the green workforce. Interns work on projects that aim



to generate energy and water savings for campus and local organizations. Spring 2018 intern projects include developing a car counter for campus parking lots, helping campus reach its waste diversion goal, and conducting home energy audits. Besides work experience and professional experience, Energize Colleges provides interns with opportunities to engage local high school students in sustainability career exploration.

Article by Mary Thomasmeyer

Ellen Lee Selected to Represent District at the State Chancellor's Office



Skyline College is proud to announce that Ellen Lee, Payroll Technician in the Administrative Services division has been named the San Mateo County Community College District nominee for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Classified Employee of the Year Award. Ellen was selected from 4 nominees from all three colleges and the district, to be forwarded to for the state-wide award.

The Classified Employee of the Year Award has been given out annually since May 2009 to honor community college classified employees who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges. Recipients are nominated by members of their college/district community and endorsed by their local Board of Trustees. Award recipients are selected by representatives of the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges, the Chancellor's Office, and the Foundation for California Community College and must have a record of outstanding performance of professional activities, as well as a record of active participation on campus and beyond.

According to her nomination:

"As a payroll technician, Ellen Lee supports the fiscal integrity of the college to be able to provide programs and services for students to navigate college successfully. She is the last point of contact from the college to the district – bearing a tremendous responsibility for accuracy so that people's lives are not disrupted by bureaucratic mixups. Her ability to anticipate issues, correct problems, catch the details that have the potential of either helping or hurting employees is done consistently with accuracy and excellence. She has performed this job for over 37 years and put in place the structures and processes to ensure excellent service to the college. In doing so, the reputation of the college is stellar. The District has confidence in the work from Ellen's office – a muchappreciated reflection on the college as a whole.

Ellen has a deep knowledge of her job. Over the decades, she has redefined what it means to perform the work. She works well with other members of the administrative services team, the college and the district. Ellen's style of working with others is always professional and above reproach with an undeniable sense of high ethics and integrity.

Ellen exemplifies the epitome of commitment and dedication to her job and profession. She goes above and beyond at the college. She works tirelessly to connect the community to the college by supporting, sponsoring or coordinating high profile community events that bring hundreds of community members onto the campus each year. She takes an active interest in the international students program and lends her cultural and language expertise to the college in serving and supporting the International Students Program. As the college hosts delegations of visitors in efforts to expand the program, Ellen volunteers to provide cultural guidance. She has



voluntarily hosted tea services for visiting delegations and coached the college leadership on etiquette and protocol to maximize the impact of the visit.

Ellen has been actively engaged in the annual Asian Cultural Week activities each year, where the Skyline College Asian Studies Center in collaboration with China Dance School/Theater of San Francisco hosts a special event that brings 500-800 community members onto the campus to experience the programs, services, events, film festivals and Asian cultural showcases festivities.

Beyond the connections and service to the community through Asian Cultural Week, Ellen volunteers to serve the community by participating in the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center. VITA is an IRS sponsored program that assists people who need it most, in the preparation of their income taxes. It brings millions of dollars back into the community. Ellen's volunteering with VITA means she is able to give back to the community by lending her experience and expertise to support the service to the community. This demonstrates her strong work ethic and sense of civic involvement.

Often staff in "back office" positions are unsung. However, Ellen's commitment to making sure the college is a wellreputed viable option for the community is evident in the views she articulates and the engagement she provides is attributed to her commitment to open access and higher education opportunities for the community.

Ellen Lee has been the invisible backbone of the administrative services component of the college."

Congratulations Ellen, we are proud to call you a colleague and a member of the Skyline College family!

Article Compiled by Cherie Colin

UPCOMING EVENTS

TREAT YO' SELF: STRESS MANAGEMENT AND SELF CARE April 11 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Building 4, Room 4-301

SKYLINE COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES: A CALL TO CONSCIOUSNESS WITH ROSA CLEMENTE April 12 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Building 6, Room 6-202

BUSINESS EXPO WEEK

April 16 - Entrepreneurial Kickoff April 17 - Entrepreneurial Movie April 18 - Rap Chats April 19 - Entrepreneurial Vendor Fair

Spring 2018 Career Fair

April 17 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Building 6, Fireside Dining Room

HEALTH FAIR April 18 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Building 6, Fireside Dining Room

> LEGAL CAREERS NIGHT April 19 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Building 6, Room 6-204

PILIPINO CULTURAL NIGHT April 26 & 28 7:00 p.m. Building 1, Skyline College Theater